

## LOPEZ IS GONE AGAIN

### Hilo Prisoner Takes the Chain Along.

HILO, April 22.—Antone Lopez, who has been for some time a resident of the Hilo jail during the rare intervals when he can be induced to desist from his travels, has again taken up his ball and chain and walked, closely followed by his favorite hounds. About three o'clock yesterday afternoon Lopez was seized with the spirit of locomotion and the next time the guard came out of his doze he found him missing. Lopez is supposed to have a contract to supply the Honolulu Iron Works with metal; and really when it comes to prison jewelry, he is the most expensive protegee Sheriff Andrews has.—Herald.

#### FUNAKOSHI AND WATANABE.

The alleged murderers and extorters of Motohiro are now in the Hilo jail pending the perfecting of an appeal to the Supreme Court from their second conviction in the now celebrated case or series of cases connected with the extinct Japanese carpenter.

The appeal from conviction on the charge of murder has been in the Supreme Court pretty nearly a year, and in reply to a letter as to its time for hearing and termination, Chief Justice Frear wrote that it was doubtful if it could be heard at May term unless moved up on the calendar to take precedence of some of those naturally ahead of it. In the meantime Sheriff Andrews will see that the prisoners are not sent to the First Circuit and released again on habeas corpus, as they were once before. The sheriff thinks the two men are taking more of the courts' time than they are entitled to, considering that they don't pay any taxes.—Herald.

#### HILO BOARD OF TRADE.

Some results of the organization and efforts of the Hilo Board of Trade are beginning to materialize. Among them may be noted the following:

Dr. Holland suggested at a recent meeting that if the government lands in and around Hilo were rendered available for occupancy and could be secured for such purpose it would advance the growth and prosperity of the town; and that a map of the town, showing the location of such lands and other data respecting them should be at hand.

The corresponding secretary accordingly wrote the superintendent of public works, Mr. Holloway, who replied, saying that he was writing Mr. Baldwin by the same mail, requesting that he furnish the Board of Trade with a map of the city showing location of government lands and terms of government leases. Mr. Holloway also intimates that he will be at all times glad to furnish the board with any information in his power to give.

In response to the board's request for an appropriation for the Hilo fire department, representative J. D. Lewis writes that with the co-operation of Senator Brown, and as the result of a conference with the governor, he has secured an item of \$2,500 for hose, hydrants and repairs to building for the department, to be placed in the Senate Current Expense Bill.—Herald.

#### ROUXLIA CAPTURED.

Sheriff Andrews and Capt. Rowland made a neat capture of Rouxlia, the alleged assassin of twelve year old Maria Martinez at 14 1-2 miles, Olan.

The officers received information that the offender was secreted on board the steamer Enterprise and accordingly went out in a steam launch about 2 o'clock Wednesday morning and ordered the mate to lift the hatch. After a diligent search the officers found their man in hiding in the after part of the vessel, near the cold storage. He submitted quietly to arrest.

Rouxlia absolutely denies all knowledge of the crime. When questioned as to his keeping in hiding, he replied that the father of the girl had threatened to shoot him on sight, for some imagined wrong.

#### HILO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

At the annual meeting of the trustees of the Hilo Library Association, held the latter part of March, the treasurer presented a report of receipts and expenditures during the past two years which indicates that the Association will not be investing any surplus wealth in stocks, bonds or real estate for some time to come. The report shows that the receipts for the period have been \$1422.67; the expenditures \$1329.65; leaving on hand the magnificent balance of \$93.02, wherewith to keep up the literary pulchritude of the institution, pay the librarian and meet other current expenses.

As a result of the depression in the coffee it was ordered that Mr. Andrews be requested to circulate a subscription notice, the usual and time honored method of financial recuperation in Hilo. The results have been very satisfactory so far. A subscription of \$100 has been secured from John Smith and others. The Hilo Public Library Association is very anxious to have a subscription of \$1000 for the purchase of books and the building of a new library building.

## MEMORIAL TO WILDER

### Hilo Bench and Bar Pass Resolutions of Regret.

HILO, April 22.—The unexpected news of the death of Judge Gardner K. Wilder, which was received by cable last Thursday, was heard with regret by the many Hilo friends and acquaintances of the deceased. Judge Wilder was a graduate of the law department of the university of Michigan, and although a young man had occupied for some time the bench of the Fourth Circuit Court, prior to the incumbency of Judge Little.

In accordance with the suggestion of the court, resolutions were drawn up by Messrs. Wise, J. Castle Ridgway and W. H. Smith, of the Hilo bar, and presented in open court on Tuesday morning last.

The resolutions are as follows:

#### RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in His wise providence to take from our midst the Hon. Gardner K. Wilder, a former judge of this Fourth Circuit Court, by an unexpected and, to us, a seemingly untimely death, therefore be it

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of the Almighty, in the loss which both bench and bar have sustained by the early death of Judge Gardner K. Wilder, we hereby record our deep appreciation of his unflinching courtesy, his strict integrity and his ability as a lawyer and judge; that we hereby express to the family of the deceased our sincere sympathy and condolence in this, their hour of sad bereavement;

Resolved, further, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this court, and that a copy of the same under the seal of the court be forwarded to the widow of deceased.

W. S. WISE,  
W. H. SMITH,  
J. CASTLE RIDGWAY,  
Committee.

ability will be asked to contribute in proportion to their means, and it is hoped the result will be to enable one of Hilo's most valuable institutions to hold its own for another year.—Herald.

#### A YOUTHFUL MALEFACTOR.

A young Portuguese boy about eleven years old, who has been drawing upon the Owl Drug Co. for tobacco and pocket money, without the consent of the people in charge, was brought before Judge Hapal this week and sentenced to the reform school for a year. It seems that the youth had been in the habit of coming down town early in the morning and going to the beach to gather firewood wherewith to cook the matutinal meal, and on his way back he had acquired the propensity of stopping at the rear of the drug store, opening the window by one means or another, entering and touching up the cash register for such coin as he thought his needs for the day might require, and the material for a comfortable smoke, to which he has been addicted from the early age of six years.—Herald.

#### TOO MUCH WATER.

The men working for Mr. Lance, the water-finding expert, near the Honokaa plantation, met with a dangerous experience this week while tunneling. The tunnel in which they were working opens from the lower part of a gulch into the earth, and a tremendous down-pour of rain flooded the gulch and the part of the tunnel, effectually cutting off the laborers from daylight and air, as well as subjecting them to danger from drowning if the stream should rise higher. Fortunately however the flood proved brief, though violent, and after a few hours of anxiety the water subsided and the men were released.—Herald.

#### GOT MARRIED ANYWAY.

Miss Lucille Lucas, eldest daughter of R. A. Lucas, was quietly married to George Manu, on Friday evening. Mr. Manu is a postal clerk in the local office, and the young couple, unable to overcome parental objections, decided to embark on a married career of their own. They are residing at a cottage on Pitman Street.—Tribune.

#### LOST FOUR FINGERS.

F. H. Berggram, head carpenter of the Hilo railroad car shops, got his right hand caught in the planer early yesterday morning and before the machine could be stopped four fingers were severed just below the knuckles, leaving the thumb intact. Medical assistance was immediately secured, his hand dressed and the patient is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.—Tribune.

#### NEWS NOTES.

Judge and Mrs. Harry S. Rickard have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter Annie to David Reinhardt on Saturday evening, May 7th. The ceremony will take place at Laysan.

Head engineer here has received authorization for the immediate construction of Alameda bridge, near where the rock crusher stands. This will replace the trestle structure which has been necessary to pass up at this point.

The removal of Alameda is very anxious to have a subscription of \$1000 for the purchase of books and the building of a new library building.

## BETTER FREIGHT RATES FOR HILO BANANA GROWERS

### Matson Navigation Company Promises Increased Transportation Facilities—Honolulu Bananas Best for Shipment.

HILO, April 22.—The adjourned quarterly meeting of the Hilo Agricultural Society met Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. in the rooms of its President, Mr. Charles Furneaux. After electing William Ragsdale secretary of the society and the transaction of regular business, Mr. W. S. Terry read an instructive article on "The Milling and Marketing of Coffee." Dr. Hayes also presented some figures on the increase in coffee imports from the islands since 1900.

President Furneaux read an exhaustive paper on "Banana Culture" which contained much interesting and valuable information regarding various methods of cultivation and corresponding success, which had come to his attention.

Growing out of the reading of Mr. Furneaux's paper, a general discussion of the subject ensued, which brought forth many valuable suggestions as to the most successful method of planting.

Dr. Holland gave his experience of planting in Puna. He stated that he had found that suckers planted six to eight inches deep developed the best results, while those shoots planted in shallow soil were still unimproved plants.

Mr. Kuhns reported opposite results in Kailiwi, where he was extensively engaged in banana and fruit culture. Two fields of bananas planted at the same time, one at considerable depth and the other by turning up sufficient surface soil to cover the roots, showed a wide difference in results. The latter developed a fine growth and a much better quality of fruit than those deeper planted.

He had also experimented by digging holes three or four feet deep, which he filled up with a mulch of grass, weeds, etc. After giving this time to decompose, he planted his banana suckers in the holes, but in every instance the plant died. Mr. Kuhns also advocated shade, and believed the best results were to be obtained in planting bananas on virgin forest land with the least cultivation possible, which is the banana's natural habitat.

Mr. Andrews said he believed there was much to be learned in the planting and cultivation of bananas, drawing as an analogy the disparity in methods of cane planting in various districts. Like cane, he believed the method of planting bananas was peculiar to the respective districts in which they were to be grown, and suggested that the peculiar conditions of each district as to soil, climate and moisture be sought out and considered in banana cultivation.

W. S. Terry suggested the season most suitable to banana planting should be also considered. He related his experience in planting taro at the Hilo Boarding School without reference to the time of the year and showed that the best results were obtained from plants set out in certain seasons. He thought the same held good with reference to bananas.

Commission Agent R. I. Little, who was present, was called upon to make a few remarks regarding the San Francisco market. He stated that at present the San Francisco market was glutted with fruit, but that Hilo bananas were always in demand. Dealers preferred the Hilo product to the Honolulu or the Bluefields variety.

There is a marked difference between the Hilo banana and the Honolulu banana. The skin of the latter is much tougher and consequently bears transportation easier. The Hilo banana if

paper. Mr. Castle Ridgway is voicing public sentiment in Mr. Cook's stead for the present.

Mr. William Wagner, for many years one of the most worthy employees of Pahala, is at present engaged in searching for water at Puuwaawaa. He gained quite a reputation in this line during Mr. Walton's administration at Pahala.

Several prominent Home Rulers are canvassing the advisability of organizing a branch of the Democratic party in Hilo, and over the island of Hawaii generally. Hon. Palmer Woods is expected as soon as the Legislature adjourns. Unless Walpole and Kalaniana'ohi can be turned from the error of their ways the attempt is likely to be hopeless.

Joe Kawahemoku, one of the most trusted and popular native boys employed by the Hilo Railroad, and who lost his arm in a railroad accident about three months ago, died suddenly about 4 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The Japanese of Hilo are showing their patriotism in a substantial form by their contributions; the laborers on a near-by plantation recently sent two thousand dollars to swell the war fund.

A petition for the reappointment of the present Supreme Court Justices for another term of four years has been circulated among the members of the bar in Hilo this week. It received some signatures.

Judge Little has been invited by the American Bar Association and Governor David B. Francis, President of the St. Louis Exposition to take part in the Universal Congress of Lawyers and Jurists to be held in that city Sept. 24th to Oct. 1st.

Inspector Marshal Frank I. Winter arrived on the steamer to serve the order in the bankruptcy proceeding against Honolulu, instituted by J. H. Little, of the Hilo bar, against the Hawaiian Bank, which was filed in the United States District Court at Honolulu.

not properly wrapped becomes bruised and discolored, and unsalable. He suggested that greater care be exercised in the wrapping of fruit shipped from here. The Bluefields banana has also a very tough skin and arrives in San Francisco by railroad unwrapped. The bunches stand much higher, the hands are farther apart, the fruit is larger and ripens up a rich yellow color. The only objection to the Hilo banana is its speckled condition when it ripens, but while the appearance of the Bluefields variety is much better, it is not so satisfactory as the Hawaiian banana. He said there was a ready market for the Hilo banana as long as we were able to get them into San Francisco dry, without spots and properly wrapped. After that it was only a question of competition between buyers as to getting the best prices.

At present the shipments had been so small as to make no appreciable effect on the market.

The Bluefields banana, which practically sets the market, stands \$1.60 per bunch at San Francisco for 60 to 80 lb. bunches, or an average of 3 cts. per lb.

Dr. Holland—Do you find that small bunches of bananas sell as well as larger bunches in the San Francisco market?

Mr. Little—Yes, they sell quite as well, as some dealers preferring small bunches as they are easier to dispose of. But the trouble with shipping small bunches is the latter cannot afford the forty-five cent freight rate by steamer and the railroad charges. A 40 lb. bunch of bananas will not stand the cost of transportation and yield a profit to the shipper.

Mr. Andrews—Then if we were able to send 30 lb. bunches at one-half the regular rate, it would be preferable would it not?

Mr. Little—Yes, the smaller bunches would find a readier sale and yield a better return to the shipper, provided of course we get our fruit to market in good condition. The Honolulu fruit is better wrapped and better cared for on the Honolulu steamers.

The S. S. Alameda is specially fitted up above and between decks for carrying bananas. The stowing of bananas between decks however often results in cooking the fruit before its arrival. Ordinarily the shipments from Honolulu arrive in much better shape, but the last shipment of Hilo bananas by the S. S. Rosecrans arrived in as fine a condition as could be desired.

After several conferences with Capt. William Matson, I am prepared to say that the Matson Navigation Co. will meet growers with proper transportation facilities as soon as we can show our shipments warrant it. As our shipments increase the freight rates will be materially reduced, although Captain Matson claimed the last trip of the Rosecrans, which carried 2,000 bunches from here, resulted in a loss to that vessel.

Dr. Hayes suggested the reduction of freight rates on smaller bunches, which he believed would insure larger shipments and consequent profit to the steamer.

A Committee on Transportation consisting of Mr. Furneaux, Mr. Lambert and another member to be named were appointed to confer with the Matson Navigation Co. with reference to matters of transportation, freight rates, size and care of bananas. It is believed a sliding scale of freight charges can be secured as prevails now on the Honolulu steamers.—Hilo Tribune.

Bridge street extension are to be removed to the park reservation on lower Front street. They say that one swallow makes no summer, but whether three palms will make a park remains to be seen. Perhaps three palms and a band stand will.

The purchase by Sheriff Andrews of a roller top desk one day this week, the same being for use at his home, gave rise to the rumor that he was about to be relegated to private life. If it was only half as easy to raise money as rumors in Hilo we should all be a whole lot better fixed financially than we are.

Owing to the continued illness of Editor Stacker, W. H. Smith is doing the mental aberration for the Herald this week.

## LAHAINA LINES IN MAUI PAPER

Father Wendelin returned last week from a visit to the other side of the island. He has a photographic album, showing many scenes at the Laper Settlement on Molokai. The lepers, in appreciation of his 14 years' faithful work among them, have presented him with a beautiful golden chalice and paten, which were manufactured in Paris. The costly gifts have been sent to Bishop LaRue for his blessing.

Mrs. Kelley, the Honolulu artist, is the guest of Mrs. P. A. Moley.

Mr. Austin and Mrs. McKay of Walluku are entertained by Mrs. Horner during the Easter vacation.

## TALK OF THE WAR

### Monthly Meeting of the Maui Teachers.

MAUI, April 22.—Monday afternoon, the 18th, the teachers of Makawao district held their regular monthly meeting in the Makawao schoolhouse.

The program consisted of an informational lesson on the Russo-Japanese war by J. Vincent of the Huelo school, and a lesson on the teaching of reading, an adaptation of Thompson Seton's "Wally, the Story of a Yaller Dog," by S. R. Dowdle of the Kaupakalua school. Mr. Dowdle exhibited some fine pen and ink drawings which he used to illustrate the reading lesson.

There were eleven teachers present at this meeting.

#### KEPOIKAI AT WORK.

Hon. A. N. Kepoikai, Maui's new circuit judge, came to Walluku by Wednesday's steamer and will shortly dispose of the unfinished business before his court.

#### A TRAIL SUFFICIENT.

If the \$40,000 appropriation is insufficient to build a carriage road from Kailua to Nalihi, why not construct a good horse-trail and widen it when the Territory can afford to appropriate the necessary funds? A narrow roadway over which pack animals can travel easily and in safety is all that the settlers of the vicinity desire. The present steep, zigzag, stony pathways, badly washed out in some places and boggy in others, renders the transportation of produce to the good market afforded by Makawao plantation villages an almost impossibility.

Maui farmers should be warned against using Kula potatoes for planting purposes. They all seem to be affected by the fungus more or less. Recently a Makawao Portuguese resident used the Kula product and his young plants were soon blighted and destroyed. What is worse the fungus easily spreads from one field to another.

#### NOTES.

Saturday evening, the 16th, a party of twenty Pala young people had a riding party which ended in a hilarious time over a game of "Pit" at the residence of Mrs. D. B. Murdoch.

Delicious refreshments were served. The Makawao Religious Society at a recent meeting voted to put a new coat of paint on their church at Pala.

John Waterhouse of Honolulu has been spending the week at Keanae. He will return home by today's steamer.

The league baseball game played at Well's Park, Walluku, the afternoon of the 17th resulted as follows: Morning Stars, 5; Walluku, 3. It was a close game and finely played. The Wallukus didn't score till the 7th inning. On the 24th, the Kahului and Makawao clubs contest.

The Ladies' Reading Club met at Mrs. W. O. Aiken's residence, Puuomale, yesterday afternoon, the 22nd. Marion Crawford was the author read. The mango blight is again making its appearance, destroying the new leaves.

The Ladies' Aid Society held its monthly meeting at Mrs. D. C. Lind-say's, Pala, Tuesday afternoon, the 19th.

The Makawao Literary Society will meet tonight at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Baldwin of Hamakua-poko.

Weather—Heavy trades with light driving showers in localities. The strong winds have scattered the mosquitoes and broken telephone wires.

## WILL EXPERIMENT WITH COCOANUTS FROM SAMOA

The United States Experiment Station has leased a two and a half acre tract of land near Hilo and will experiment upon it with coconuts. Director Jared Smith who is in charge of the station has made arrangements for the shipment of Samoan coconut pods to Honolulu, and an effort will be made to demonstrate that the coconut can be made a source of great commercial profit to Hawaii. Coconuts grow readily in all parts of the islands chiefly for ornamental purposes and although the coconuts are sold on the local market, no effort has been made to make the tree the source of export profit if it is in most tropical countries.

One basket of pods has already been received from Samoa by Mr. Smith from Judge Terry who is in the United States Army service there. The last shipment was stopped by the collector of customs in Samoa. Recently an order was issued by the United States Army prohibiting the importation of pods from the South Sea Islands and Samoa.

## MORE PAY FOR TERRY

### Honolulu Admiral Wins Case in Court of Claims.

The Court of Claims on Monday, March 28, announced a favorable decision on the claim of Rear Admiral Silas W. Terry, U. S. Navy, says the Army & Navy Journal. This decision affects all the rear admirals of the nine lower numbers of that grade. Admiral Terry was commandant of the Washington Navy Yard for about two years while among the nine lower numbers of the grade of rear admiral. He received the Army pay of a brigadier general, \$5,500 less 15 per cent for shore duty, amounting to \$4,675. He claimed that the correct amount of his pay while on shore duty was \$5,000, as provided by the old Navy pay table contained in Section 1556 of the Revised Statutes, for a rear admiral on shore duty. Messrs. George A. and William B. King, in their elaborate presentation of this case, both in their briefs and oral arguments before the Court of Claims, based this claim upon the provision of the Navy Personnel act as amended by the Naval Appropriation act of June 7, 1900, "that nothing therein contained shall operate to reduce the pay which, but for the passage of said act, would have been received by any commissioned officer at the time of its passage or thereafter." A rear admiral doing duty as commandant of the Washington Navy Yard would have been entitled to \$5,000 a year, and therefore that rate of pay was saved to him by the provision just quoted. The response made to this argument was that but for the passages of the Personnel act increasing the number of rear admirals, Admiral Terry would have been only a commodore during that time.

The effect of the ruling of the court is to hold that in construing this proviso the courts cannot consider what grade an officer would have reached were it not for the increase in the numbers in each grade made by the Personnel act and legislation subsequent thereto, but that only the grade actually reached by the officer can be considered. The question thus in every case reduces itself to the simple one: In the actual grade held by an officer which pay is the higher for the duty he is performing, that fixed by the Personnel act or that fixed by the old Navy pay table? The answer to this question decides the case, and whichever of these two rates of pay is the higher the officer is entitled to. The Government will probably take this case by appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States. If no appeal is taken, or if the views of the Supreme Court should agree with those of the Court of Claims the effect will be that rear admirals of the nine lower numbers will hereafter, when on shore duty, receive \$5,000 a year instead of \$4,675, and while on sea duty will receive \$6,000 a year instead of \$5,500. Where, however, to the Army rate is added an increase of ten per cent for service "beyond the limits of the States comprising the Union and the Territories of the United States contiguous thereto," the Army pay will exceed the Navy pay and hence the officer will get no benefit from the decision as the ten per cent increase being conferred by an Army act can in no case be computed upon old Navy pay. The full text of the opinion is not yet accessible and will not be for a week or two. We shall probably give some extracts from it so as to give our readers the exact views of the Court of Claims on the interesting and important question involved.

## GOVERNOR SOLE JUDGE

Delegate Kuhio has sent Governor Carter a copy of the Foraker "Governor's" bill relating to the tenure of Territorial officers, etc., with amendments which he says the committee inserted to make the bill acceptable. These amendments do not appear in the version of the bill given by the Advertiser's Washington correspondent in yesterday's issue.

The word "Territorial" is prefixed to the designation of officials as well as for identifying boards of a public character. This is to conform to the County Act decision of the Territorial Supreme Court. An extension is made to the provision that the removal of an official by the Governor is to be "for cause," which the Delegate attaches in typewriting, thus:

"Before any removal of any official the Governor shall state the reasons thereof in writing and after serving the same upon the official to be affected that he be given opportunity to appear for his defense in a public hearing either in person or by attorney. And the Governor shall provide at such hearing and shall be the sole and final judge of the sufficiency of cause for removal."

WHOOPEE COUNT.—This is a very dangerous disease unless promptly treated. Statistics show that there are more deaths from it than from scarlet fever. All danger may be avoided, however, by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It soothes the rough action, soothes the inflamed membrane, breaks the tough mucus and makes the coughing easier. It is a safe remedy for all who are troubled with whooping cough.